a definition of the limits of the invention, for which reference should be made to the appended claims.--

On page 15, after line 17 (last line), insert the following as a new paragraph:

--Thus, while there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the present invention as applied to a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices described and illustrated, and in their operation, and of the methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the present invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Substitutions of elements from one described embodiment to another are also fully intended and contemplated. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.--

On page 16, line 1, delete "CLAIMS:" and insert therefor --What is claimed is:--.

In the Claims:

Please amend 4, 9, 12, 13, 16-19, 21, and 22 to read as follows:

4. A network element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said network element is arranged to send a message to the end element indicating that said connection has been released.

9. A network element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

12. A network element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

13. A network element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

16. A network element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

18. A network element as claimed in claim 1, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

19. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 1, an end station and an end element.

21. A network element as claimed in claim 19, wherein said end element is SGSN.

22. A network as claimed in claim 19, wherein said network operates in accordance with the UMTS Standard.

Add the following new claims:

23. A network element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said network element is arranged to send a message to the end element indicating that said connection has been released.

24. A network element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

25. A network element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

26. A network element as claimed in claim 4, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

27. A network element as claimed in claim 5, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

28. A network element as claimed in claim 6, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

29. A network element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

30. A network element as claimed in claim 8, wherein said determining means determines that the connection is to be released if the connection has not been used for a predetermined time.

31. A network element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

32. A network element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

33. A network element as claimed in claim 4, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

34. A network element as claimed in claim 5, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

35. A network element as claimed in claim 6, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

36. A network element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

37. A network element as claimed in claim 8, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

38. A network element as claimed in claim 9, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

39. A network element as claimed in claim 10, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

40. A network element as claimed in claim 11, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection is to be released based on the state of the end station.

41. A network element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

42. A network element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

43. A network element as claimed in claim 4, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

44. A network element as claimed in claim 5, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

45. A network element as claimed in claim 6, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

46. A network element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

47. A network element as claimed in claim 8, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

48. A network element as claimed in claim 9, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

49. A network element as claimed in claim 10, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

50. A network element as claimed in claim 11, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the movement of the end station.

51. A network element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

52. A network element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

53. A network element as claimed in claim 4, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

54. A network element as claimed in claim 5, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

55. A network element as claimed in claim 6, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

56. A network element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

57. A network element as claimed in claim 8, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

58. A network element as claimed in claim 9, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

59. A network element as claimed in claim 10, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

60. A network element as claimed in claim 11, wherein said determining means is arranged to determine if the connection should be released based on the location of said end station.

61. A network element as claimed in claim 2, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

62. A network element as claimed in claim 3, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

63. A network element as claimed in claim 4, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

64. A network element as claimed in claim 5, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

65. A network element as claimed in claim 6, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

66. A network element as claimed in claim 7, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

67. A network element as claimed in claim 8, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

68. A network element as claimed in claim 9, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

69. A network element as claimed in claim 10, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

70. A network element as claimed in claim 11, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

71. A network element as claimed in claim 12, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

72. A network element as claimed in claim 13, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

73. A network element as claimed in claim 14, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

74. A network element as claimed in claim 15, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

75. A network element as claimed in claim 16, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

76. A network element as claimed in claim 17, wherein said network element is a radio network controller.

77. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 2, an end station and an end element.

78. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 3, an end station and an end element.

79. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 4, an end station and an end element.

80. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 5, an end station and an end element.

81. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 6, an end station and an end element.

82. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 7, an end station and an end element.

83. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 8, an end station and an end element.

84. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 9, an end station and an end element.

85. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 10, an end station and an end element.

86. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 11, an end station and an end element.

87. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 12, an end station and an end element.

88. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 13, an end station and an end element.

89. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 14, an end station and an end element.

90. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 15, an end station and an end element.

91. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 16, an end station and an end element.

92. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 17, an end station and an end element.

93. A network comprising a network element as claimed in claim 18, an end station and an end element.

94. A network element as claimed in claim 20, wherein said end element is SGSN.

95. A network as claimed in claim 20, wherein said network operates in accordance with the UMTS Standard.

96. A network as claimed in claim 21, wherein said network operates in accordance with the UMTS Standard.